

House Bill 490

By: Representatives Barr of the 103rd, Casas of the 107th, Rogers of the 29th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Maxwell of the 17th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to health insurance plans for teachers and other school personnel, so as
3 to expand board authorization to contract with local employers to librarians and other
4 personnel employed by regional and county libraries; to provide for definitions; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 6 of Article 17 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to health insurance plans for teachers and other school personnel, is amended by
10 revising Code Section 20-2-895, relating to contracts with local employers as to coverage,
11 as follows:

12 "20-2-895.

13 (a) The board is authorized to contract with local employers for the inclusion of the
14 teachers or employees of local employers within any health insurance plan or plans
15 established under this subpart. Local employers are authorized to contract with the board
16 as provided in this Code section subsection. In the event that any contract is entered into,
17 it shall be the duty of any local employers so contracting to deduct from the salary or other
18 compensation of their teachers or employees such payment as may be required under any
19 health insurance plan and to remit the funds to the board for inclusion in the health
20 insurance fund. In addition, it shall be the duty of such local employers to make the
21 employer contributions required for the operation of such plan or plans. For the purposes
22 of this Code section subsection, the term 'teachers' shall mean certificated personnel and
23 the term 'employees' shall mean all other personnel.

24 (b) The board is authorized to contract with local employers for the inclusion of the
25 librarians and other personnel employed by regional and county libraries within any health
26 insurance plan or plans established under this subpart. Local employers are authorized to

contract with the board as provided in this subsection. In the event that any contract is entered into, it shall be the duty of any local employers so contracting to deduct from the salary or other compensation of their librarians or other personnel employed by regional and county libraries such payment as may be required under any health insurance plan and to remit the funds to the board for inclusion in the health insurance fund. In addition, it shall be the duty of such local employers to make the employer contributions required for the operation of such plan or plans. For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'librarians' shall mean certified librarians employed for 30 hours or more per week and 'other personnel employed by regional and county libraries' shall mean noncertified librarians who are employed to work 30 hours or more per week. Local employers may offer plans that provide different rates for librarians and other personnel employed by regional and county libraries."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.